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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, NA, NL, EEC

SUBJECT: EC-AOT REVERSE PREFERENCES: NETHERLANDS

ANTILLES

REFS: STATE 159461, STATE A-6535 OF JUNE 30, 1972

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED APPROACH GON AS APPROPRIATE TO  
ASCERTAIN GON POSITION WITH RESPECT TO EC REVERSE

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PREFERENCE (RP) ARRANGEMENTS WITH AOT TERRITORIES,

INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THOSE WITH THE NETHERLANDS  
ANTILLES (NA).

2. WE WISH TO KNOW IF GON WILL A) TAKE STEPS PARALLELING  
TIME FRAME OF YAOUNDE III NEGOTIATIONS TO SEEK ELIMINATION  
OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS, IF ANY, WHICH REQUIRE AOT CON-  
TINUANCE OF RP ARRANGEMENTS AND B) SUPPORT PRACTICAL  
MEASURES WHICH AOT TERRITORIES, INCLUDING DUTCH REALM  
PARTNERS, MIGHT TAKE TO ELIMINATE RPS. IN CASE OF NA,  
FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT RPS COULD BE ABOLISHED  
BY SIMPLE EXPEDIENT OF ENDING USE OF TWO-COLUMN TARIFF  
SCHEDULE OR BY TECHNICALLY REDUCING TO ZERO THOSE TARIFF  
RATES WHICH APPLY ONLY TO NON-EC COUNTRIES.

3. EMBASSY MAY RECALL GON ATTENTION TO PREVIOUS U.S.  
REPRESENTATIONS ON SUBJECT OF NA ADOPTION IN  
NOV. 1970 OF TWO-COLUMN TARIFF AND TAX ARRANGEMENTS  
FAVORING EC AND DISCRIMINATING AGAINST U.S. EXPORTS--  
INCLUDING U.S. REQUEST THAT NA RPS BE ELIMINATED NO  
LATER THAN TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATED OVERSEAS TERRITORIES  
DECISION ON JAN. 31, 1975 (TSC PAPER 72-62 OF JUNE 22, 1972  
ENCLOSURE TO A-6535 OF JUNE 30, 1972).

4. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY REPRESENTATION TO GON MAY  
DRAW UPON GENERAL U.S. POSITION OF OPPOSING REVERSE  
PREFERENCES (STATE 159461, PARA 7); STRESS U.S.  
APPRECIATION OF GON POSITION ON RPS IN PAST AS WELL  
AS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO GON ROLE IN BRINGING END  
TO EC ASSOCIATE RPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TROUBLING ELEMENT  
IN U.S., EC AND ASSOCIATE RELATIONSHIPS; AND NOTE  
POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF RP ISSUE ON U.S. CONGRESSIONAL  
ATTITUDES CONCERNING VARIETY OF ISSUES OF INTEREST TO  
ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

5. FYI: ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING GNA HAVE RECENTLY  
APPROACHED CIEP AND TREASURY OFFICIALS TO SEEK  
FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF INTEREST EQUALIZATION AND  
OTHER TAX PROBLEMS OF CURRENT CONCERN TO GNA. ALTHOUGH  
IT NOT CLEAR WHAT LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER ACTIONS FEASIBLE  
TO MEET GNA TAX ISSUE CONCERNS, CIEP AND TREASURY  
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OFFICIALS INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR GNA OBJECTIVES AND  
PROMISED CAREFUL LOOK AT WHAT MIGHT BE DONE. IN  
SAME DISCUSSIONS, U.S. INTEREST INDICATED IN WHAT STEPS  
GNA MIGHT TAKE WITH GON TO SEEK END EC-NA RP  
ARRANGEMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, GNA ATTORNEYS PROVIDED  
TRANSLATION OF NOV. 12, 1973 MESSAGE FROM NA PRIME  
MINISTER ISA TO GNA MINISTER AT THE HAGUE WHICH IN  
SUBSTANCE: A) NOTES OPPOSITION TO RPS BY

ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES IN YAOUNDE III  
NEGOTIATIONS, B) STATES GNA OPPOSITION TO RPS AND  
PRAISES SIMILAR DUTCH POSITION, C) CALLS ON GNA  
MINISTER TO REQUEST GON TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO  
ENSURE MODIFICATION OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN ORDER TO  
ABOLISH REQUIREMENT FOR NA GRANTING OF RPS. THIS  
BACKGROUND SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATION BUT MAY BE DISCUSSED, IF RAISED BY GON OFFICIALS, IN CONTEXT OF THIS BEING ONE OF MANY SITUATIONS IN WHICH RP ISSUE MIGHT HAVE IMPACT ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH EC, EC MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES. KISSINGER

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